

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

## COBBETT ON TYRANNY.

(From Cobbett's Register.)

I cannot even here conclude without congratulating you most cordially on the defeat of the Algerines by the gallant Decatur and his no less gallant companions. Even in this your Republic has given a blow to tyrants in general. Even in this does the world see a proof of those sound and just principles, which are the basis of your political institutions. To free the captive from the lash of barbarism; to restrain them from future cruelties; to punish them for past torments inflicted on the innocent; to make the sea the safe highway of nations; to avenge the insults and the violence committed against freemen; these are motives of war worthy of America.

A Louis, King of France, acquired the title of ST. LOUIS, because he fought against these same Algerines to make them change their religion. Your ground of war is very different. It is that of a free and enlightened people, drawing the sword in the cause of unequal justice and humanity.

Our newspapers and so will it be with the reviews and magazines (except the Monthly Magazine) are very dry and shy upon this subject. They notice the account of your victory, they do it in a way which clearly shows that they are very sorry for it. They do not say this in so many words, but this is their feeling manifest. The truth is, they feel it to be a blow against tyranny generally, and they are in the encouragement which it certainly gives to the growth of your navy, which to them and their supporters, is the most hideous of all their ideas. They think, and indeed they say, that France will now be crippled for a century; and I shall not be at all surprised, in they soon begin to inculcate the necessity of crippling you for a list season. I will take care to convey to you an account of their proceedings; and, once for all, let me beseech you most earnestly to read this account with attention.

Be you united, however, and you have nothing to fear. No compromise with traitors; no compromise with men who clearly aim at the subversion of your freedom; but moderation towards all who honestly differ in opinion. Mutual concessions there must be among those who honestly differ, or your country will be divided or enslaved. Let not a consciousness of your valor fill you into a false security. You are all armed, can shoot, and are all willing to fight; but there wants organization. You want adopted, and that, too, directly, the plan of Major Cartwright, detailed in a little work called "ENGLAND'S AEGIS."

That is the means of defending the country WITHOUT A STANDING ARMY. I wish this work were in the hands of your Governors and President. Once organized, according to the plan of that work, you might see all the world at defiance without such organization, the time MAY come when your country will be in imminent danger.

(Continued.)

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

## APPOINTEE OFFICES.

At the regular meeting of the Common Council held at the council room on the evening of October 11, 1865, the following standing committees were named:

On Streets and Sidewalks—James Wilson, Courtland Kealey and Baruch Ellis.

On Lamps—Frederick Wood, James U. Griffith and Robert Hurd.

On Watch Wardens—John Hawley, Albert E. Hubbell, Frederick B. Hawley.

On Finance—Horace Nichols, Samuel Grummon, Albert Eames.

On Fire Department—David Peniston, Sheldon Morris, Al Andrews.

On Paved Business—James Porter, H. L. Sturdevant, Henry Wales.

On Sewers—Henry R. Parrott, David M. Read, John S. Sullivan.

Other officers were then appointed as follows:

City Attorney, Francis Ives; corner, Josiah Hubbell; sealer of weights and measures, George B. Stockwell; city weighers, Josiah Hubbell, George B. Hunt, Eliza Soules; coal inspector, Joseph A. Banks; pound keepers, Isaac Blake, B. C. Josselyn; haywards, Reuben Judd, Lewis Fox, B. C. Josselyn; janitor, William Roberts; board of health, his honor, Mayor S. S. Clapp, the aldermen and members of the council.

SUBSCRIPTION FUND FOR SEASIDE PARK

The subscriptions for "purchasing such land as may be deemed necessary for the Seaside Park, and conveying the same to the city of Bridgeport for that purpose," amounted to \$2,720, collected as follows:

P. E. Barnum ..... \$200  
Fred Wood & Co. .... 200  
Furniture Mfg. Co. .... 200  
N. Wheeler ..... 100  
J. C. Loomis ..... 100  
W. D. Bishop ..... 100  
R. Tomlinson ..... 100  
S. S. Clapp (mayor) ..... 100  
S. E. Wales ..... 100  
Ellis Howe, Jr. .... 100  
George B. Waller ..... 100  
Samuel Titus ..... 100  
Sherman Lockwood ..... 25  
T. Hawley & Co. .... 25  
D. F. Hollister ..... 25  
S. C. Patterson Co. .... 25  
E. B. Middlebrook ..... 25  
W. G. & D. H. Sturdevant ..... 25  
Taylor & Bristol ..... 25  
Beach, Sammis & Co. .... 25  
S. B. Ferguson ..... 25  
Alfred Hopkins ..... 25  
John Barr ..... 25  
H. T. Wheeler Co. .... 25  
B. Soules ..... 15  
George W. Gray ..... 10  
John Cornwall ..... 10  
George Poole ..... 10  
Eliza Hubbell ..... 10  
F. B. Soren ..... 5  
L. S. Middlebrook ..... 5  
J. D. Alvord ..... 50  
G. W. Bacon ..... 50  
Dwight Morris ..... 50

YALE'S ATHLETIC EXPENSES.

New Haven, Oct. 13, 1895—Walter Camp, treasurer, and Prof. E. L. Richards of the Yale union, have presented their financial report of the organization. It follows:

Expenditures: Football ..... \$31,581.38  
Baseball ..... 10,809.68  
Club ..... 6,632.21  
Athletic Assoc. .... 4,068.65  
Murphy's salary ..... 1,500.00  
Subscription for Yale Field ..... 750.00  
Cambridge-Yale games ..... 2,500.00  
Reserve fund ..... 5,000.00  
Balance ..... 2,286.39

Totals ..... \$54,106.85  
Included \$841.82 returned from Oxford games.

\*Includes \$915.94 returned to Yale club by boat club.

In the case of the football expenditures also the item of guarantees is included in the expenditures. This

amounted to \$1,120.50, so that the actual expenses would be reduced by that amount, leaving it \$15,443.21. The item of guarantees is also included in the baseball expenditures and amounted to \$760, so that the actual expenditures came to \$7,245.13.

POSTPONE MEETING.

The meeting of the textile workers that was to have been held this evening, has been postponed until Monday night. It will be held in the Park theatre building.

An Artist's Criticism.

Falguere, the sculptor, told a capital story of Henner, the great artist, who although he lived in Paris all his life, never lost his Alsatian peasant accent or his country manners. But Henner was a very keen critic and had a clever way of showing his dislike of wordy enthusiasm. Falguere, whose talent as a sculptor is known all the world over, was very fond of painting, but he did not paint particularly well. One day Henner was in his studio, and Falguere showed him some of his pictures.

"What do you think of this one?" asked Falguere.

"Superb!" said Henner, with his Alsatian accent. "Marfelous!"

"And this one?"

"Broditeous!"

"And this one?"

"Supplime!"

Then the old man picked up a little bust which his friend had just finished.

"Ah!" he said. "Now, dat's good!"

"I never painted after that," said Falguere.

Wellington's Coolness.

The Duke of Wellington was one day sitting at his library table when the door opened and without any announcement stalked a figure of singularly ill omen.

"Who are you?" asked the duke in his short and dry manner, looking up without the slightest change of countenance upon the intruder.

"I am Apollyon. I am sent here to kill you."

"Kill me? Very odd."

"I am Apollyon and must put you to death."

"Bliged to do it today?"

"I am not told the day or the hour, but I must do my mission."

"Very inconvenient; very busy; great many letters to write. Call again or write me word. I'll be ready for you."

The duke then went on with his correspondence. The apocalyptic apparition, probably by the stern, immovable air of the gentleman, backed out of the room and in half an hour was in an asylum.

Story of a Bunch of Keys.

After Mary, queen of Scots, had succeeded in effecting her escape from the grim old fortress of Lochleven her deliverer, William Douglas, threw the keys which had brought her her freedom into the waters of the lake. They lay till the morning summer of 1855, when a boy named William Honeyman, while strolling on the banks, picked up a bunch of five keys of antique workmanship fastened by an iron ring. These the boy carried to the parish schoolmaster, who forwarded them to the Earl of Morton, hereditary keeper of Lochleven castle, near Edinburgh, where they still remain. They are without doubt the old keys which William Douglas threw into the loch on the eventful night when the queen escaped, only to be taken again and consigned to life long captivity.

Trick of the Lemon Growers.

By an interesting yet simple method two crops of lemons are obtained in Sicily during the year, though the second is in every way inferior. The abnormal fruit is known as the Verdelli lemon and is marketed during the summer months. The Verdelli lemon, green in color, grows contemporaneously on the same trees with the ordinary or yellow lemon of commerce and is obtained by the following method: The lemon tree, which flowers in April, is kept without water from that period until July, when the roots are heavily flooded for a time. This results in a second set of blossoms, from which will come the Verdelli lemons. The ordinary lemon crop is picked in the months beginning with October, but the Verdelli lemons do not mature until the next May—Argonaut.

How He "Looked."

Two young men were standing in a hotel where they had gone to use the free comb and the free brush. One of them seemed to think he looked rather nifty. He had on a new suit of clothes and he turned and twisted as he admired himself in the glass. Finally he could not resist the temptation to hear the spoken word of commendation.

"How do you think I look?" he asked his companion.

The other looked at him and sniffed.

"You look like an accident going out somewhere to happen," was his retort.—Indianapolis News.

Barcelona's Leather.

In the Barcelona district of Spain alone there are from 10,000 to 12,000 tanned and finished sheepskins produced daily and probably as many goatskins. The sheepskins in particular find their way into the shoe trade as well as the goatskins. Both kinds, converted into morocco leather, the goatskin being the genuine article, and the sheepskin the imitation, are used extensively in the bookbinding trade.

Big Bells.

The world's greatest bells include the king of bells, Moscow, weight, 443,782 pounds; St. Ivan's, Moscow, 127,830; Peking, 120,000; Vienna, 40,200; St. Paul's, London, 38,470; "Big Ben," Westminster, 30,354; Montreal, 28,500; and St. Peter's, Rome, 18,600.

It Can Be Done.

Lester—Say, pa, what is diplomacy? Pa—My son, diplomacy is the art of making people apologize to you after you have done them an injury.—Woman's Home Companion.

No Barrier.

Miss Playne—You can't marry Jack because I'm engaged to him. Miss Faire—What's that got to do with it?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## STEPNEY

Mrs. Campyon B. Cutter and children of Long Hill spent Saturday as guests at the home of Edward Booth. Mrs. Stephen B. Hayes returned home Monday after a few days' visit with Mrs. Oscar B. Plumb in Nichols.

A meeting of Harmony grange will be held Thursday evening of this week. The program for Oct. 28 will be substituted at that time. Ceres and Pomona will have charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Sarah Allen, who has been spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Glover Blackfield, left Sunday for Norwalk, where she will spend the winter with her son, Fred A. Lovejoy.

Prof. Charles E. Bloomer was entertained at the home of C. E. Osborn.

David Fairchild visited his mother in Newtown Sunday.

The play, "Cranberry Corners," will be presented by Easton talent at the Monroe town hall Oct. 16.

Miss Mary Pedersen closed her school Thursday and has spent a few days with her parents in Ansonia.

Carlos D. Warner of Brooklyn has visited friends in this neighborhood for a few days recently.

The Cutters school has 35 pupils enrolled, which is the largest school in town at present.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet Thursday of this week at 2 o'clock at church parlors. They are requested to come early as a quilt will be tacked. Supper will be served at 5:30 o'clock.

At the town meeting of last week an appropriation of \$100 was voted to be used in fixing the Hattertown road. This has been in poor condition all summer owing to several washouts caused by the heavy rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Johnson of New Milford were guests at the home of A. J. Hull Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. George Smith have entertained Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Davis of Setauket, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, who for several years has carried on a successful grocery business near the railroad station, has sold his business to Messrs. Osborn and Burton.

In Monroe during the last year 14 cases of measles, four of scarlet fever, one diphtheria and one typhoid fever were reported.

Rev. Morgan Miller and family have moved to Trumbull.

The hour of the Sunday evening service has been changed to 7 o'clock.

Several veterans from this town have enjoyed a trip to Washington, D. C., where they attended the G. A. R. reunion.

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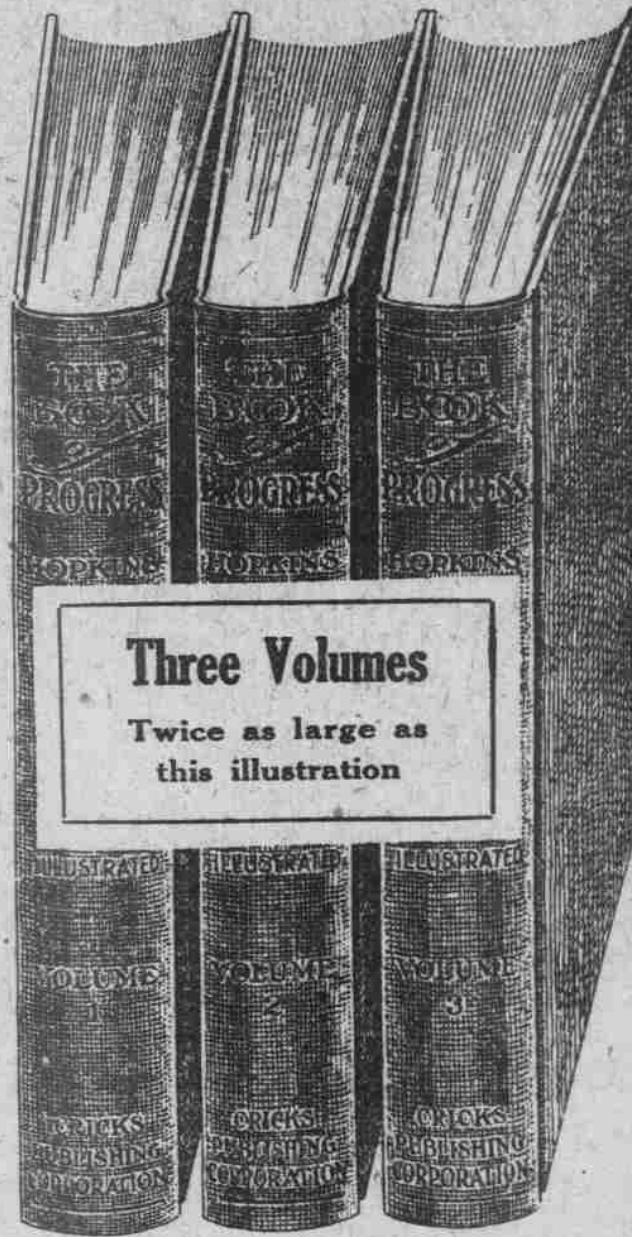
Seaside council, Royal Arcanum, will hold its next regular meeting this evening, in its rooms, Citizens' building, 1025 Main street, at 8 sharp. The report of the special committee on Royal Arcanum club will be read.

Initiation of candidates from Seaside council and also of candidates from Seaside council, Norwalk, by the Seaside degree team will take place. Seaside council will be honored by the presence of Grand Regent Williams and staff. A special election will be held.

Considering the abundance of codfish and pink dyes, it is expected that salmon will be very plentiful this year. The lack of statecraft at Washington will again be shown when Congress comes to select that White House wedding present.

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Uncle Sam's Appliances  
The Turret Fort  
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Utilization of Animal Matters  
Protecting a Refueling Army  
Manufacture of Celluloid  
The Rubber Industry  
Motor Trucks in Military Service  
Armored Automobiles in War  
Field Gun and Aerial Projectiles  
How Trees Are Moved in Paper  
Wild Animals in Moving Pictures  
The Manufacture of Twine  
Fort that Travels on Wheels  
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Radium the Mysterious  
Learning to Shoot by Moving Pictures  
Making Steel Type  
Attack and Defense by Submarine Mines  
Guarding Against Under-Water Attack  
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